

Clean Heat Standard Equity Advisory Group

Minutes for the April 30, 2024, Full Group Meeting

Attendees

- Members of the Equity Advisory Group present
 - Ben Bolaski, Vermont Department of Public Service
 - Matt Cota, Meadow Hill Consulting
 - John Mandeville, Central Vermont Council on Aging
 - Jen Myers, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity
 - Pike Porter, individual
 - Sriram Srinivasan, individual
 - Emily Roscoe, Efficiency Vermont
 - Chris Trombly, Vermont State Housing Authority
 - Mia Watson, Vermont Housing Finance Agency
- Participating Vermont Public Utility Commission Personnel
 - Dominic Gatti, CEIF
- Other active participants
 - Ashira Pelt, Consensus Building Institute
 - John McCormick

Agenda & Actions

- Welcome & Review of agenda (*Time Stamp 3:02*)

[Meeting commenced at 12:32 pm ET.]

- Review of Apr. 2 Meeting Minutes (*Time Stamp 5:10*)

[Mia Watson asked unanimous consent to approve the April 16, 2024, meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent at 12:35 pm.]

- Commission Update on CHS Work (*Time Stamp 5:48*)
 - Update on S.305
 - Recently Issued Orders
 - Public Engagement & Facilitator
 - Meeting Materials Format
- Technical Advisory Group Report and on-going collaboration (*Time Stamp 7:43*)
- Report Outline (*Time Stamp 16:50*)
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:10:45*)
- Public Engagement Facilitator (*Time Stamp 1:11:49*)

[Ben Bolaski moved to create a subgroup on public engagement to help guide the efforts of the Commission's Public Engagement Consultant. At 1:10 pm ET, Mia Watson asked and was granted unanimous consent to amend the motion by adding Emily Roscoe, Ben Bolaski, and Jen Meyers as members of the subgroup. The motion passed by voice vote at 2:11 pm ET.]

- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 1:52:00*)
- Feedback from Credit Ownership Group (*Time Stamp 1:52:20*)
- Discussion on Meeting Extension (*Time Stamp 2:18:30*)
 - The group took an informal straw poll on the extra half hour; the majority of the group was supportive of the extra time. Some people had reservations about the extra time.
- Public Comment (*Time Stamp 2:20:40*)
 - John McCormick commented on the price impact of the clean heat standard and how it interacts with the LIHEAP.
 - Pike Porter commented that the Equity Framework lacked elements related to transparency and agreed to write some language to bring back to the group on the topic.
- Next Steps (*Time Stamp 2:23:50*)
- Close (*Time Stamp 2:27:28*)

[The group adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:57 pm.]

Meeting Recording

[YouTube \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UqyXSn83tY\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UqyXSn83tY)